
Introduced by Senators Aanestad and Romero

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An act to add Section 2800.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 718, as introduced, Aanestad. High-speed pursuits: statewide policy.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor, or a felony, for a person while operating a motor vehicle, to intentionally evade, willfully flee, or otherwise attempt to evade a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle or bicycle, as specified.

This bill would enact Kristie's Law and would express the intent of the Legislature to eliminate any unnecessary risks that evolve from motor vehicle pursuits and to ensure that these pursuits can be conducted in the safest and most effective approach throughout California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2800.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:
3 2800.5. (a) This section shall be known as "Kristie's Law."
4 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
5 (1) Suspects who flee from police officers show no concern
6 for their own safety, or that of the peace officer or the public.
7 (2) Motor vehicle pursuits of fleeing suspects present
8 inescapable and inherent risks.

1 (3) According to statistics from the National Highway Traffic
2 Safety Administration, California has consistently led the nation
3 in the past 20 years in fatalities from crashes involving motor
4 vehicle pursuits.

5 (4) A primary function of all law enforcement agencies is to
6 protect the public against personal injury, death, or property
7 damage.

8 (5) It is the intention of Kristie's Law to eliminate any
9 unnecessary risks that evolve from motor vehicle pursuits, and to
10 ensure that motor vehicle pursuits can be conducted in the safest
11 and most effective approach throughout California.